

REMARKS

Applicant requests entry of this amendment canceling claims 1-10, 16-26, and 31 to narrow the issues for appeal. Entry of amendments after final rejection is appropriate where, as here, the amendments remove issues for appeal. MPEP 714.13(II).

The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at (503) 222-3613 if it appears that an interview would be helpful in advancing the case. Applicant's representative can frequently be reached at (503) 880-3613 outside of normal office hours.

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